

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2642

Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani

February 24, 2012

An act to amend Section 13510.1 of the Penal Code, relating to peace officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2642, as introduced, Furutani. Peace officers: certification.

Existing law establishes in the Department of Justice a Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. Existing law requires the commission to adopt and, from time to time, amend rules establishing minimum standards relating to physical, mental, and moral fitness that must govern the recruitment of peace officers, as specified. Pursuant to this authority, existing law requires the commission to establish a certificate program for peace officers and for the California Highway Patrol. Existing law authorizes persons who are determined by the commission to be eligible peace officers to apply for the certificates, provided they are employed by an agency that participates in the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) program.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provision authorizing persons who are determined by the commission to be eligible peace officers to apply for the certificates.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13510.1 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

13510.1. (a) The commission shall establish a certification program for peace officers specified in Sections 13510 and 13522 and for the California Highway Patrol. Certificates of the commission established pursuant to this section shall be considered professional certificates.

(b) Basic, intermediate, advanced, supervisory, management, and executive certificates shall be established for the purpose of fostering professionalization, education, and experience necessary to adequately accomplish the general police service duties performed by peace officer members of city police departments, county sheriffs' departments, districts, university and state university and college departments, or by the California Highway Patrol.

(c) (1) Certificates shall be awarded on the basis of a combination of training, education, experience, and other prerequisites, as determined by the commission.

(2) In determining whether an applicant for certification has the requisite education, the commission shall recognize as acceptable college education only the following:

(A) Education provided by a community college, college, or university which has been accredited by the department of education of the state in which the community college, college, or university is located or by a recognized national or regional accrediting body.

(B) Until January 1, 1998, educational courses or degrees provided by a nonaccredited but state-approved college that offers programs exclusively in criminal justice.

(d) Persons who are determined by the commission to be eligible peace officers may ~~make application~~ *apply* for the certificates, provided they are employed by an agency ~~which~~ *that* participates in the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) program.

(e) The commission shall have the authority to cancel any certificate that has been obtained through misrepresentation or

- 1 fraud or that was issued as the result of an administrative error on
- 2 the part of the commission or the employing agency.

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